

Marge Schmuckal - Letter to Zoning Board re: 487 Stevens Avenue

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Date: 1/18/2013 9:25 AM
Subject: Letter to Zoning Board re: 487 Stevens Avenue
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Dear Ms. Schmackal,

Could you please pass along the attached letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals? And thanks for letting me know that Dr. Cody may now be considering a lift instead of a ramp.

Thanks very much.

Regards,

Anne

Anne Swift-Kayatta
207-767-5754

*Note to file: There is no appeal at this date (1/18/2013).
The plans are still being drafted for any permits
& review for compliance.*

14 Stone Bridge Road
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107
January 17, 2013

Zoning Board of Appeals
City of Portland
389 Congress St.
Portland, ME 04101

To the Zoning Board of Appeals:

I understand that Dr. Ronald Cody, a dentist who runs his practice at 487 Stevens Avenue in Portland, has applied for a variance to construct a ramp at the back entrance of his property. I fully support his application.

My 88 year old mother has been a patient of Dr. Cody for many years. She now uses a walker and we find it very difficult to get her in and out of Dr. Cody's office due to the many steps she must navigate to enter. I spoke recently with Dr. Cody to let him know that I thought it would not be long before my mother would have to change dentists due only to the inaccessibility of his offices. I am very concerned about such a change since my mother, who now has some cognitive and memory issues, knows and is comfortable with everyone at the office. She always says to me after a visit, "They are so nice there." Changing dentists would be very confusing and upsetting for her.

In summary, please allow Dr. Cody the variance so that he can continue to provide services to patients, like my mother, who have serious mobility issues.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anne E. Swift-Kayatta

cc: Dr. Ronald Cody